The 4th rule was suspended.

Eighth and following clauses were read and adopted.

His Worship in the chair.

The report was adopted as amended.

BY-LAW.

The by-law authorizing the renewal of notes at the Bank of Montreal was read and passed.

Report of Wm. Robinson, Esq., *re* Water Works, with addenda was read as follows, and referred to No. 1 Committee.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

I beg to add to my former reports on Water Works extension the following:—It has been proposed by different parties, at different times, that the upper reservoir might be enlarged, but I beg leave to suggest that if any addition to the reservoir be found necessary, that instead of enlarging the present one, another reservoir be built at a much lower level, say from 30 to 40 feet, or as your engineer may think desirable to lower it to, basing his calculations to the elevation of Richmond and Grosvenor streets level, where the pressure (less the friction) would probably be as much as seventeen pounds less than the intersection of Richmond and Dundas streets. Forty-five pounds pressure at Richmond and Grosvenor streets would probably be sufficient for house service. The proposed reservoir could be built at an elevation sufficient to give that. The carrying out of this scheme would lessen the wear and tear of machinery when pumping into the proposed reservoir, and enable them to lift a larger quantity of water with less motive power, and enable the hydraulic pumps to be at work for a longer period during the summer, when the supply of water is lessened in the river. If this plan was carried out there would be no necessity for the hydraulic safety valve, or the modification of the stand pipe proposed in a former part of the report before presented.

(Signed) WM. ROBINSON.

PAYMENT OF TAXES.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald Hook, that whereas this Council has passed a by-law providing for the payment of this year's taxes not later than the 14th inst., and those failing to do so by this date shall be charged interest thereon; and whereas the present stringency of the money market and depression of trade make it most inconvenient to do so; therefore, resolved that the tax collectors be authorized to receive any taxes tendered up to January 15, 1888, without interest. That it stand as a notice for next meeting.

The Council then adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 19, 1887.

A meeting of the City Council was held Dec. 19th. Present—His Worship Mayor Cowan (in the chair), Aldermen C. Taylor, Jarvis, Davis, Greer, Moule, Bowman, Hook, Skinner, Vining, George Taylor, Dreaney, McIntosh, Heaman.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From City Engineer, *re* expenditure by Committee No. 2, excusing the delay in preparing report desired by No. 1, on account of press of work. Progress.

From City Solicitor to the Mayor—Granting part late Exhibition Grounds for base ball purposes.

From M. J. Mullaney, John A Miller, Geo. Geary, R. F. Wilson, Mary Patton, G. Savage, John Dunbar, Wm. Croxon, Sarah Johnson, R. J. Evans, Women's Christian Association, John Evans, Frederick Templeton and Susan Shannon, *re* taxes. No. 1 Committee.

On motion the petition of John Evans was referred to No. 1 Committee with power.

Robert Darch—Referred to Court of Revision.

Robert Mawhiney — Disbursements. $16.25.

Southam & Brierley—Heating Registry Office, $33.40.

J. Fleming—Rent, $10.

F. J. Kirchmer—Bill-posting, $4.

James E. Keeleyside—Declining to act as Deputy-Returning Officer at the coming election. Accepted.

Clerk Legislative Assembly, *re* fee on Bill, $100.

C. P. R. Co., *re* lands.

City Treasurer, *re* sale of lumber in Queen's Park. No. 1.

John Heaman, *re* electric light. No. 3.

Dr. Rourke, *re* medical attendance. Referred to Inspector Bell.

T. P. Webb, *et al*, *re* block pavement on E. Dundas street. No. 2.

John Turner, *et al*, *re* electric light. No.3.

W. R. Garner—For free use of poultry house on Exhibition Grounds, from January 7 to 14. Granted.

Railroad Engineers—For free use of City Hall on January 24. Granted.

NO. 3 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Moule (Chairman):—

1—That G. M. Connors' communication, *re* injury while working on a sewer on Albert street, be referred to No. 2 Committee, with the recommendation that it be favorably considered.

2—That your Committee recommend Mr. H. M. Douglass' license fee for roller rink be $30.

3—That the communications of Lieut.-Col. Smith and ex-Mayor Hodgins, *re* laying gas mains to Military School, your Committee advise no action, as the City Gas Co. will perform the work.

4—That your Committee beg to report on the question of weighing coal, that the City Solicitor is of the opinion the city has no power to compel coal dealers to carry a pair of scales upon each delivery wagon for the purpose of weighing the coal upon delivery of the same, nor has the city any power to confiscate coal should it be short in weight.

The report was considered seratiam. First, second and third clauses adopted. Fourth clause read.

Ald. Vining moved, seconded by Ald. Greer, that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law to carry out this object.

Yeas — Aldermen C. Taylor, Greer, Dreaney, Heaman.

Nays—Aldermen Jarvis, Moule, Hook, Skinner, Davis, Vining, Geo. Taylor, McIntosh.

The report was adopted with the addition by Ald. Vining.

NO. 1. COMMITTEE.

Ald. Bowman (Chairman) reported as follows:—

1—Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct recommend the same for payment:—